REPORT

DATE:

October 10, 2005

TO:

Administrative Committee

Regional Council

FROM:

Sarah Adams (x818)

SUBJECT:

National Association of Regional Council (NARC) membership dues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize payment of membership dues to the National Association of Regional Councils for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

SUMMARY:

The National Association of Regional Councils is a nonprofit membership organization serving the interests of regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations nationwide.

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is the preeminent alliance for fostering regional cooperation and building regional communities. They advocate for regional approaches with federal and state governments; provide training and technical assistance on the latest regional developments; and conduct research on timely regional topics.

NARC hosts several conferences throughout the year to update members and staff on current events and issues among regional councils. These conferences include an annual policy conference in Washington, DC and an annual conference for members held at various locations throughout the country, the most recent conference was held in June in Monterey, California. These conferences are vital to SCAG in receiving information from other councils about critical events and priorities and most often SCAG is invited to speak on various topics from goods movement to regional partnerships.

BACKGROUND:

For more than three decades, NARC has represented multi-purpose regional councils of government that assist community leaders and citizens in developing common strategies for addressing cross-cutting transportation, economic development, air and water quality, social equity, growth, and other challenges.

SCAG is considered a founding member of NARC and has been a member for several decades.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total membership dues for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 is \$25,000. Of the \$25,000, \$20,200 is funded from the Government Affairs Indirect Budget (06-820, Memberships) and \$4,800 is from the General Fund Budget (06-800, Memberships). Please see attached.



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IC Expenditures by IC Work Element

WBS GL#	Description	Details	FY 2005/06 Department Requests
06-810	Government Affairs		
54300	SCAG Consultant	Public Communications Consultant	250,000
55460	Small Office Purchases	Small Office Purchases	50,000
55600	SCAG Memberships	CALCOG	27,800
	·	CALCOG Additional Membership	2,833
		NARC(IC Portion only 80%)	19,200
		NARC Dues	20,200
		Miscellaneous memberships	2,167
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		ASPA	156
		Town Hall of Los Angeles	80
		Nat'l Academy of Public Admin	300
		Intermodal Assoc.	106
		Calif. Trucking Assoc.	200
		Calif. Soc. Of Municipal	100
		Total	52,942

FY 2005/06 General Fund Expenses

WBS GL#	Description	Details	FY 2005/06 Department Requests
556	00 SCAG Memberships	CALCOG membership & lobbying	7,283
	·	Intermodal Association & lobbying	20
		California Trucking Association &	30
		lobbying	
		NARC Lobbying portion (20%)	4,800
		Coalition for America's Gateway and	10,000
		Trade Corridors	
		US/Mex Border Counties Coalition	1,000
		Total	23,133



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Invoice No. 1997-1589

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Name ATTN: Address:	tomer SCAG Mr. Mark Pisano, 818 W. 7th Street Los Angeles	Date Order No. Rep	Ma	May 5th, 2005	
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Qty		Description	Unit Prid	:e	TOTAL
1	NARC Dues - Fise July 1, 2005 - Jun Transportation Su	e 30, 2006	\$12,500 \$12,500		\$12,500.00 \$12,500.00
Payment Details Cash			SubTo Shipping & Hand Taxes State		\$25,000.00
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Payment due upon receipt.



Building Regional Communities

May 5, 2005

Mark Pisano, Executive Director SCAG 818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Mado: K

First let me begin by saying how much NARC appreciates your support and participation. Your membership strengthens our advocacy efforts as we work to make regions the dominant and preferred socio-economic engines of our country.

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The purpose of this letter is to transmit an invoice for your NARC dues for the period of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 so that you can include NARC membership in your budget.

NARC's priority is to advocate for regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations throughout the country. A copy of NARC's Legislative Priorities for 2005 is attached along with your invoice for NARC dues. As you can appreciate, it is now more important than ever for regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to make our interests known in our Nation's Capitol! NARC is committed to representing, promoting and responding to your needs and interests and we are making great strides to better communicate and more actively involve executive directors and local elected officials in providing input on how NARC can improve services to its members.

I thank you again for your continued interest and support of NARC. I look forward to your active participation in NARC.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 202-986-1032 or by e-mail at rsoko@narc.org. NARC staff is ready to assist and advocate for you. I sincerely want NARC members to feel that their membership in NARC is an investment in the future of regionalism.

Sincerely,

Robert Sokolowski Executive Director

Attachments

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